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## The War Beef Inquiry.

We are told that the military board of inquiry investigating army beef, having completed the long-drawn out proceedings at Chicago, and returned to Washington, will complete its work in about ten days, for which information the public is duly grateful. Enough evidence to prove that the beef furnished the army was unfit for human beings to eat was obtained a long while ago and there is no reason why the work should have dragged on as it has. The papers have been filled with the scandal for many weeks and the public has been disgusted and tired trying to read it all.

No more nor no less has been proven in the past two weeks than was known before that, and the commission's finding will doubtless be the same as it would have been then, for there was no doubt that these charges concerning embalmed beef were justifiable; they came from so many reliable sources. The main point is to fix the responsibility, whether it is a joint responsibility or a one-sided one. The board of inquiry has already, possibly, made up its mind on this point, and it will be a matter of great relief when the members render their decision.

This is what the public is interested in most, for there is hardly any division of opinion as to the other phase. The sooner the matter is disposed of the better, and it is a relief to know that in ten days the unsavory reading with which the readers of the morning papers have been regaled before breakfast every morning, to the injury of their appetites, will be ended. In the meantime, let us hope that there may be no mistake in rendering the verdict.

Whatever may be the result, however the responsibility is fixed upon, it may be said that the most important effect of the whole business will be the lesson that it carries with it. Should it become necessary to make future contracts for canned goods to be sent to an American army in a tropical climate, the experience we have just had will prove invaluable. Competent inspectors, with the necessary scientific knowledge, provided by the government to superintend the preparation and packing of meat that is to be furnished our troops, are more important than the prices paid, and quite as important as the characters of the contractors. These matters can be regulated by law, and doubtless will be. The Intelligencer cannot believe that there was intentional neglect in this matter at all points. The fault mainly seems to have been in the preserving process, and in the future this can, by proper provisions, be avoided.

## Some Specimen "Americanism."

With the exception of one small comment on "Democratic Harmony," which should have read "Disharmony," and two small paragraphs, the Register's entire editorial space yesterday was devoted to a defense of the Philippine insurgent leader, Aguinaldo, and abuse of its own country. One article purports to tell the "truth about Aguinaldo," by showing how wickedly he is being treated by the savage Americans—a reminder, by the way, of the Register's characterization of our treaty demands on Spain as "brutal," but a few brief months since. In other words, Aguinaldo, who places his uncivilized forces, armed with bows and arrows, between his well-armed soldiers and the Americans, something unheard of in civilization, is a "great patriot," and a much abused man, while the United States government is a sore spot on the earth's surface.

In order to prove its cause, the Register quotes from messages from Admiral Dewey sent last June, just after the great battle of Manila, in which the Spanish fleet was destroyed, and a letter from General Greene, dated August 20, to show that Aguinaldo's forces were aiding the Americans; another letter from General Anderson, dated July 4, to the effect that he had addressed Aguinaldo, saying this country desired friendly relations with the Filipinos. Still another was written in August, after the surrender of Manila, giving the value of the insurgent services in helping to bring about that event.

Similar reports are repeated, every one of them made during the war with Spain, and when Aguinaldo was taking the part he did because he had "a card up his sleeve," a card which, since the close of the Spanish-American war and the treaty of peace, he has been playing. The Register, in producing these official dispatches, gives the dates, and bases its defense of the treacherous Filipino leader on them. They are published in Public Document No. 62.

In its extreme anxiety to defend Ag-

uinaldo, by quoting these messages, which every American was glad to read in the newspapers at the time, and to make good its own disloyal position, the Register forgets that in the history since made, Aguinaldo has forfeited every bit of the credit he then apparently deserved. Since the last of the testimonials to the services of Aguinaldo was received, other messages have been received from Dewey and our other American commanders, for the situation has changed, a fact which our neighbor carefully ignores. The last testimonial quoted by the Register was received eight months ago; the first one was received more than ten months ago.

At that time the people of the Philippines were at war with Spain, and joyfully welcomed the appearance of the Americans, whom they knew would drive out the Spanish power. Shrewd, conspiring Aguinaldo saw his opportunity, and took advantage of it. His real hand was not shown until Spain surrendered. If he is the intelligent person some people would have us believe, and perhaps he is, he knew that until the treaty of peace was arranged, signed and ratified by both Spain and the United States, the war could not end, and no form of government outside of our military possession could be adopted; that it took time to settle the question, that it could only be settled by Congress, after final peace—notwithstanding all this, he organized a force and made war on the United States, thus playing that sleeve card.

The entire situation is reversed from what it was when our commanders had faith in his promises and his pretended gratitude and friendship in the heat of the struggle with Spain last June, July and August, the history of which the Register's Public Document No. 62 covers.

It would add interest to the Register's defense of Aguinaldo, were it to publish in connection with the information Dewey and others were officially giving the government eight and ten months ago, the information they have been sending the government in the past three months. It will be able to find it in public documents with later numbers, and its own files. It seems strange that we have in the United States newspapers defending the treachery of this leader, who was working from the very beginning for the end he is now trying to accomplish, his own self-aggrandizement—nothing more, nothing less.

Why not stand by the American flag? Why advocate the cause of an adventurer who is the worst enemy of his own people, and has proven himself to be without a spark of honor. The coming Congress is to settle these questions, and can be trusted to settle them well.

Aguinaldo is having an experience which is apt to open his eyes to the realization that he is not fighting Spain. The Americans have him on the run, and if they do not get possession of him it will be a wonder. The dramatic incident of Monday in the fight near Marilao, like other recent incidents, indicate the small hold that Aguinaldo has on the loyalty and affection of his deluded followers, and how willing they are to see hostilities brought to an end. This is not the only incident of the sort. The humane treatment of these poor natives by the Americans counted for something. A Spanish force would have slaughtered them then and there, for we have seen in our own case that Spanish soldiers do not always respect a flag of truce, even when fighting a recognized government. The Filipino men represent no government—simply the personality of a selfish and brutal adventurer.

While not officially informed, the statement that the Filipino prisoners taken Monday by the Americans, give the information that Aguinaldo will make his final stand at his headquarters, at Malolos, and if defeated will make no further resistance, but quit the revolt, seems to be quite reliable. It is harmonious with intimations on the same line that have been in several official dispatches of late. The movement on Malolos is now being made, and the critical stage may be looked for at any time. There need be no anxiety concerning the result.

When the half dozen different factions of the Democracy, which seem to be split up over the question of which is most entitled to celebrate Jefferson Day, get together, water will run up stream and the spirit of Jefferson will have entirely disappeared. If it is hovering about it must be in a disturbed state of mind in the attempt to determine how many different kinds of Jeffersonian Democrats there are.

## Correction of an Inaccuracy.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.  
SIR:—In your issue of this date the statement is made that a squad of blue-coated cavalry was the first of the Union troops to enter the town of Fairmont. I beg to inform you, in the interest of truth, and for no other purpose, that the statement above is inaccurate. The first Union troops to enter Fairmont in May, 1861, was a squad of some fifteen or eighteen men, sent by General Kelly, from the burned bridges, near Mannington. They belonged to the three months First Virginia, and were in charge of a Lieutenant. For the truth of the foregoing, I refer you to Captain Britt, his brother, Thomas G. Britt, Squire Bill Schultz and others.

A MEMBER OF THE FIRST VIRGINIA SQUAD.  
Wheeling, March 28, 1899.  
Since receiving the above communication the Intelligencer has ascertained that the writer is correct in the point made regarding the first troops that entered Fairmont, and that the gentleman who made the address in Pittsburgh, to which reference is made, probably misunderstood his informant. A statement the Intelligencer received from an old Fairmont citizen, who per-

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sonally knows the circumstances of the flag incident, (the subject of the address), states that "the flag was made in 1861, and figured at the first arrival of troops, which were from two companies of the First Virginia Infantry and Ohio companies."

From further information, it is apparent that the author of the address confused this incident with a later one, in April, 1863, when the Confederate raider, Jones, burned the Baltimore & Ohio bridge across the Monongahela, one mile east of Fairmont, Governor Pierpont's library and a tented to destroy the suspension bridge connecting Fairmont and Palatine. The Union troops there then, and which drove Jones' men out, were two companies of New York Infantry, under Captain Chamberlain, a section of Mulligan's battery and West Virginia militia or home guards. It is evident that the speaker who made the error had been told of both incidents, but confused them into one, and got Jones' Confederate mounted raiders mixed with the blue coats in his mind.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A good man's light shines day and night.  
Every time a man worries trouble he pays the interest in worry.

The man who rides a hobby is apt to deride the hobbies of others.  
Love is a feeling that renders some people unfeeling after marriage.

A good name will sometimes give you the use of others men's great riches.  
Lots of men who imagine they have a literary bent soon find themselves broke.

His satanic majesty employs hypocrites in all of his secret-service missions.  
The young husband forsakes his club during the honey-moon—unless he's a policeman.

When marriage proves to be a misfit another suit can be ordered in the divorce court.  
A soft answer turneth away wrath, but a wrathful answer doesn't always turn away the soft individual.

Between the enterprise of his butcher and the wastefulness of his cook many a man is done to a turn.  
An Irish philosopher says his memory is so poor that he frequently forgets one minute what he says the next.

A man's ears are placed so that he may catch the things said to his face. It was never intended that he should hear the things that are said behind his back.—Chicago Daily News.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Flirtations begin on earth and don't end in heaven.  
Eve fell in the Garden of Eden and then got up; but Adam has been tumbling ever since.

Most women never get too old to expect to hear that some great man's wife is madly jealous of her.  
The first few years of her son's life a mother could not be content to have him anything less than President; afterward she thanks God if he comes home nights.

When a young man tenderly puts away a lock of hair to treasure forever, the hardest thinking he does in middle age is trying to remember where it is and how it got there.—New York Press.

## He Spoke as a Brother.

London Tit-Bits: A certain curate was of a painfully nervous temperament and in consequence was constantly making awkward remarks—intended as compliments—to the Bishop and others. Having distinguished himself in an unusual degree during a gathering of clergy at an afternoon tea at the bishop's residence, he was taken to task for his callings by a senior curate, who was one of his companions on the way home.

"Look here, Bruce," said the senior, decidedly, "you are a donkey. Why cannot you keep quiet instead of making your asinine remarks? I am speaking to you now as a brother."

Loud laughter interrupted him at this point, and for a moment he wondered why.

## The Easter Herald.

For the Intelligencer.  
Fair Daughters of the King, who told The pointed parable in days of old; How the returning Lord severely chided That stupid steward who his talent hid— For a long long path Silence fed On these bright talents of the head.

For here is reared, 'mid hilly blooms— Of eared cloths from many looms Into one grand pavilion grown. While crowning all and proudly flame The setting sun converts to flame The blazing banner—"In His Name."

For famo fingers have been caught With facile pens the nimble thought In peevish prose and verses—gay— The rue and reason by the way— For in these fields where man hath trod Fair woman's path lies nearer God.

I listen, and there comes a strain Once sung in olive groves of Spain; One tells of islands in the west Like diamonds sparkling on the breast Of the Pacific—mother sea— Another strolls by Galilee.

There, bathed by southern summer seas, Fair Naples takes her sleepy ease; Of groves where Shakespeare strolled a child.

By Nature taught and love beguiled; For since the yellow Tiber rolled Through Rome, a mighty sword of gold.

Replete with stories and the themes— Of household feuds and love dreams Of sex-triumphant, and the day When woman's hand shall point the way, While woman's feet in front will tread With Christ's pure banner at the head.

For they who hold the truth and right Must victors prove in final fight. For since the hour when time began The anger-driven arm of man Has never struck at fallen foe But woman's heart received the blow.

To woman's ear the angel spoke: When Christ the tomb in triumph broke; Now in her hands the future lies— For she who grants the price— Nor need she bow her head in shame For her endeavors—"In His Name."

Wheeling, March 28, J. C. B.

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## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

"So old Yabsley is dead, eh? Well, well! Did he leave anything?" "Yes. It broke his heart to do it, but he left everything."—Tit-Bits.

At the Browning Club.—Member—Browning, you know, is like Wagner—Friend—I see. At first you don't understand him, but after a while you think you do.—Puck.

Wasted Time.—Miss Topnot—Isn't it too bad about this book? Miss Panhandle—Why, what is the matter? Miss Topnot—Why, I didn't discover until I had finished it that I had read it before.—Detroit Free Press.

Enforcing the Rules.—"The gentleman from Squedunk is a thief, a liar, and a—" "Bang!" went the gavel, and the presiding officer exclaimed: "The gentleman will please address his remarks to the chair."—Philadelphia North American.

"Why," asked the observant boarder, "are the special government reports of England, France, and other countries called blue-books?" "I think," replied the cross-eyed boarder, "that the idea is to give color to the reports."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Old Crusty.—You ask for my daughter? Why, young man, at your present salary you could not even dress her. Sutor—Oh, yes, sir! I could keep her in gloves. Old Crusty—Gloves? Do you mean to insinuate that my daughter would only wear gloves? Sutor—Pardon me, sir, I only asked for her hand.—Brooklyn Life.

Desperation.—The nervous man had gone from corner to corner in a vain effort to guess at which corner the mortician, endowed with lordly authority by his superiors, would next consent to take on passengers. At last he sat down on a fire-plug and exclaimed: "I wish we'd have another blizzard." The people who heard glared indignantly, and one exclaimed: "What do you mean by wishing any such thing as that?" "I know it seems inhuman. I appreciate the disagreeable features of such an occasion as much as anybody. But a blizzard is the only thing I can think of that is dead sure to stop one of these cars."—Washington Star.

A Great Boon.  
People who are all run down, who are suffering from extreme debility and have tried many remedies without avail, are hardly to be blamed if they give up hope and settle down to enduring their misery as best they can. But there is no need to give up hope. There is hardly any condition so bad but some skillful physician can cure it. Dr. Greene, 35 West Fourteenth street, New York city, the famous specialist and the most successful physician in curing diseases, has cured thousands of cases when hope of cure had been given up. Now if you are so afflicted you should consult Dr. Greene. You can consult him by letter free. This is a great boon. Don't neglect this rare chance of cure. Write to Dr. Greene at once.

Relic of Barbarism.  
New York Times: The disciplinary court has sentenced Prof. Delbruck, of the Berlin University to a reprimand and 500 marks' fine for criticising the expulsion of Danes from Schleswig-Holstein.—Berlin Dispatch.

It is with extreme difficulty that an American or an Englishman can realize what this means, this survival of the barbaric practices of despotism in a land of civilization and enlightenment. If men were fined and imprisoned in this country for their political opinions and for criticizing the policy of the government, anybody who said "embalmed beef" would be instantly arrested and the anti-imperialists would all be in jail. The never-ceasing wonder is why the German people don't make a sudden end of that sort of thing.

Richest American Woman.  
San Francisco Chronicle: Mrs. Richard King, of Texas, is probably the richest woman in the United States, not excepting Mrs. Hetty Green. Her wealth is partly inherited from her father, a pioneer Presbyterian clergyman, the first who ever went staff and Bible in hand to preach the Gospel to the Indians and mixed races that peopled the vast domain over which his own little daughter was destined to hold sway as a landed proprietor. Mrs. King is a widow, and her landed estates in Southern Texas amount to 1,250,000 acres, or about 2,000 square miles.

How It Struck Pap.  
Cleveland Plain-Dealer: "Mamma went to the auction and bought one of those decorated Chinese praying machines." She thought it would please papa.

"Did it?"  
"At first. He was just looking into it when he asked the price. When mamma told him he swore like a trooper."

"What did your mother say?"  
"She said she was glad it was a praying machine, and not a phonograph."

Very Awkward.  
"Beloved," he cried, throwing himself at his wife's feet, "we have lost all save honor!"

The woman pressed her hand to her streaming eyes and wept as if her heart were breaking.

"How awkward!" she sobbed. "Just the thing we don't need if we've got to deal with it."

Verily it seemed that a relentless fate pursued them.—Detroit Journal.

A New Experiment.  
Brooklyn Life: Wife—There, dear. Here are all the magazines, here's whiskey and soda and a box of your favorite cigars and the papers. If you want anything just ring the bell.

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Robbed the Grave.  
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